

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR  
REVOCATION OF THE CERTIFICATION OF

Administrative Action

MIRIAM I LARANGEIRA, C.H.H.A.  
Certificate No. 26NH08690100

FINAL ORDER OF  
DISCIPLINE

TO PRACTICE AS A HOMEMAKER-HOME  
HEALTH AIDE IN NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information alleging that Respondent was arrested for possessing controlled dangerous substances, which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Miriam I. Laragneira ("Respondent") is the holder of certificate number 26NH08690100 and has been certified at all times hereto.

2. Upon receipt of a flagging notice advising that Respondent was arrested on April 6, 2013 by the Hackensack Police Department for violation of N.J.S.A. 9:6-1(b) Neglect of a Child, the Board sent a letter of inquiry, requesting certain information and submission of documents, to Respondent's address

requested a modification or dismissal of the Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed, and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting her request for consideration. Copies of the Provisional Order were mailed to the Respondent via certified and regular mail, return receipt requested, to her address of record.

In response to the POD, by letter dated July 16, 2013, Respondent's attorney stated that he will assist Respondent in making application for entry into the Pre-Trial Intervention program. However, neither her nor her attorney explained the circumstances of the arrest and failed to provide any documentation requested by the Board.

The Board further determined that, inasmuch as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, no further proceedings are necessary and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2014,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's certificate to practice as a homemaker-home health aide hereby is suspended until such time as Respondent cooperates fully with the Board's investigation by

of record in Hackensack, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail on or about April 18, 2013. A response was due within twenty (20) days. The regular mailing was not returned; the certified mail receipt was signed by a third party and returned to the Board.

3. To date, Respondent has not provided an adequate response to the Board's request for information.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's request for information constitutes a failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, in contravention of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

#### DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline (POD) was entered by this Board on June 28, 2013 provisionally suspending Respondent's certificate to practice as a Certified Homemaker-Health Aide in the State of New Jersey until Respondent cooperates fully with the Board's investigation by providing the Board with the information requested in the Board's letter of inquiry. The Board also assessed a \$200.00 penalty. The order provided that it would be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following its entry unless the Respondent

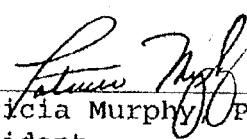
providing the Board with the information requested in the Board's letter of inquiry.

2. Respondent shall remit payment of a monetary penalty pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25 in the amount of \$200.00 by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey, delivered to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. Respondent shall refrain from engaging in the practice of certified homemaker-home health aide and shall not represent himself as a certified homemaker-home health aide until such time as his certification is reinstated. Any practice in this State prior to such reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

  
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